

Tennant Lake Interpretive Center Summer Programs

Thursday Youth Adventures - Ages 5-11

Time: Session I from 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. is for children ages 5 – 7

Session II from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. is for children ages 8 – 11

Cost: \$7 per class or \$54 for all 9 classes

Dates: June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14

June 19 Creature Feature!

Let's go pond dipping for amazing creatures. Search for stickleback fish, damsel and dragonfly larvae, water boatman, water striders and more during this Tennant Lake boardwalk adventure.

June 26 How Does Your Garden Grow

Explore the growth of plants, find out your plants likes and dislikes, play a plant relay game and explore plants in the children's garden, then take a plant home and watch it grow!

July 3 Fishy Fun

Learn all about fish. Discover the fish that call Tennant Lake home, play a game that recreates the life cycle of a salmon, build and take home a fish hat and learn more about our finny friends as we peek into the wet and watery world of fish.

July 10 Insects are Amazing!

Did you know there are over 600,000 species of beetles? Did you know that insects don't have blood? Insects are amazing! Learn about butterflies, beetles, and other buggy critters. We will search the fields for flying insects, build a model of an insect, and examine insects under a microscope.

July 17 Predators and Prey

Discover about predators and their prey through games and activities guaranteed to fire the imagination. Learn the special strategies both predators and prey use. Search for beasties big and small.

July 24 Species Spotlight: Raptors!

Binoculars will be provided as we search for eagles and other birds of prey. We will hike to an active bald eagle nest and learn about the amazing abilities of our local hawks, owls, eagles and falcons. Become a raptor expert!

July 31 Flower Power

Build a working plant press and learn about the parts of a flower while creating art from pressed flowers. Search for flowers in the fragrance garden and children's garden and discover that some flowers are edible!

August 7 Animal Tracks

Look for signs of animals. What evidence do they leave behind? Examine animal tracks, imitate animal strides, create a track book and more.

August 14 Marsh Mucking

Tennant Lake - up close and personal! Get a muskrat-eye view of the world as we wade into the wetlands around Tennant Lake. Bring an old pair of shoes and socks and a dry pair to change into.

Nature Day Camps

For the budding young naturalist, the Tennant Lake Interpretive Center offers Nature Day Camps throughout the months of July and August. Come discover the amazing wetland world of Tennant Lake; explore by boardwalk and trail, search for wildlife, play games, do nature arts and crafts and much more. For session 3 (our oldest campers) an overnight option on Friday night will be offered. Campers choosing this option will return to the Interpretive Center at 7:00 p.m. Friday and be picked up at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Nature camps are limited to 20 participants per camp and tend to fill quickly so register early. Last day to register is a week before the camp. If the camp is full you will be put on a waiting list.

Session 1 – July 8-11 Ages 5-6

Session 2 – July 15-18 Ages 7-8

Session 3 – July 22-25 Ages 9-11

Cost: \$80 – add \$20 for the overnight component to session 3

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Weekdays: Tuesday - Friday

Enrollment Min. 10

Enrollment Max. 20 (register early, these camps fill)

Family Programs

Ages: 5 to adult

Cost: \$6 per person unless otherwise noted

June 21 Canoe Tennant Lake!

Session 1: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Session 2: 1 – 3 p.m.

Explore the far reaches of the lake, guided by a naturalist, discovering wildlife and experiencing wetlands in a new way. Paddles, canoes and life vests provided. Space limited to 15 participants per session so register early.

July 11 Birds & Bird Houses 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Watch a slide show on local backyard birds, look for birds from the observation tower and then get your hammers out... It's time to build birdhouses for our feathered friends. Each child will take home a birdhouse specially prepared for bird guests. We'll supply the wood and other materials. You supply the energy!

July 18 & August 1 The World of Bats 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Offered twice this summer, there is no reason to miss this fascinating glimpse into the world of bats. Discover how bats feed and observe bats as they emerge from their daytime roost to spend an evening foraging for insects over Tennant Lake. We'll listen in on bats with an electronic detector. Activities for kids and adults to learn more about these misunderstood flying mammals. Note special time for this Family Program: 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.

August 15 Night Prowl 8:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Join Tennant Lake staff for this popular end of the summer program. Come explore Tennant Lake by night and observe the nocturnal world, a glimpse of nature between dusk and dawn. Look for animal eye shine, search for owls, experience amazing marsh gas and more! Note special time for this Family Program: 8:30-10:00 p.m.

Saturday Family Adventures

Ages: children ages 4-6 and adults

Cost: \$10 per family of 4 (\$2 each additional family member)

Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Dates: June 28 (Creature Feature), July 12 (Insects Are Amazing), August 2 (Flower Power), August 9 (Animal Tracks)

Whether you are a kid or just young at heart these programs are for you. Join us Saturdays for our Family Adventures. These programs are great for families with young children ages 3-6 that may be too young for the Thursday Youth Adventures classes but children of all ages are welcome. Especially designed for families wanting to discover the world of science and nature together. For a program description see Thursday Youth Adventure classes listed above.

Adult Programs

Wild Edibles **June 7** **2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.** **Cost: \$10.00 per person**

Join local plant experts Marlee Osterbauer and Becky Stinson for a mid-day stroll at Tennant Lake and learn some of the edible and medicinal qualities of our native flora. Taste crisp cattail stalks or sip a savory cup of elderflower tea. This class is limited to 15 participants. Both instructors have extensive teaching experience with North Cascades Institute and it is our pleasure to be able to offer this exciting class locally for a third time.

Hunter Education Course **Dates and Time(s) to be announced**

In preparation for the fall waterfowl-hunting season the Tennant Lake Interpretive Center is hosting a Hunter Education course. Washington State requires all first-time hunters born after January 1, 1972, to successfully complete a hunter education class in order to purchase a hunting license. A volunteer instructor certified by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife teaches the course. Students receive instruction in firearm safety, wildlife conservation and sportsmanship. The course is free and open to any interested individual. Call the Tennant lake Interpretive Center at 384-3064 for more information.